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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJ: ASTRONAUT VISIT

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT TERRORIST THREAT TO ASTRONAUTS IN KUWAIT NO MORE AND PROBABLY LESS THAN WOULD EXIST FOR ANY OTHER HIGH PROFILE AMERICAN VISITOR. KUWAIT HAS NOT BEEN SCENE TERRORIST ACT SINCE 1974 JAPANESE RED GUARD TAKEOVER JAPANESE EMBASSY. AS WAS CASE THEN, THREAT COMES LESS FROM INDIVIDUALS RESIDENT KUWAIT, THAN FROM TRAVELLING TERRORIST TEAM. ALTHOUGH PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY LARGE (250,000), PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS WELL PENETRATED BY KUWAIT SECURITY. HOWEVER, SHOULD BE NOTED THERE IS SMALL PFLP GROUP HERE WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY SUPPORT OUTSIDE TERRORIST ACT. LIKELIHOOD OUTSIDE EFFORT HAPPENING IS IMPOSSIBLE PREDICT BUT WE BELIEVE KUWAIT SECURITY AUTHORITIES ARE CAPABLE PROVIDING KIND OF PROTECTION NEEDED FOR ASTRONAUT VISIT.

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2. EMBASSY RSO HAS MADE PRELIMINARY CONTACT KUWAIT SECURITY

WHICH HAS AGREED PROVIDE 24 HOUR GUARD AT AIRCRAFT DOCKING SITE, PROVIDE GUARDS AT HOTEL AND PROVIDE FOLLOW-CAR THROUGHOUT VISIT. IN SUBSEQUENT CONTACT WITH MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EMBASSY INFORMED VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER FULL GOK SPONSORSHIP. GOK WILL TAKE OVER SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND ASSIST EMBASSY IN PROGRAMMING.

3. DO NOT BELIEVE ADVANCE SECURITY VISIT NECESSARY BUT PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SECURITY OFFICER WILL BE TRAVELING WITH GROUP.

4. ALSO NEED SOONEST NAMES AND NUMBER PEOPLE ESCORTING ASTRONAUTS, OTHER THAN CREW AND EL BAZ.

5. HAVE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH AMIR FOR 1000 ON FEBRUARY 16. WOULD LIKE EL BAZ ACCOMPANY THEM. HIS PRESENT SCHEDULE INDICATES ARRIVAL KUWAIT ONE DAY LATER THAN ASTRONAUTS. WOULD APPRECIATE IF THIS COULD BE CHANGED BUT WILL UNDERSTAND IF EL BAZ HAS ALREADY MADE OTHER COMMITMENTS IN DOHA. ADVISE ACCORDINGLY.

6. ON BASIS REFTTEL CHARGE HAS ALSO PLANNED RECEPTION FOR EVENING FEBRUARY 15. EVENT ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH CHIEF PROTOCOL MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN LIGHT DOHA'S 0110, WOULD BE AWKWARD CANCEL.
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